

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
November 6, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, November 6, 1923, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert. Absent: Fitzhugh and Smith.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The Clerk read a letter from Braun, Bryant & Austin, Inc. rejecting the contract for paving in the Plaza del Amo-222d district. Same was referred to the City Attorney on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

The Dominguez Land Co's. letter explaining their position in regard to dedication of Madrona Avenue and deferring definite action on same during negotiations with the Santa Fe Ry, was ordered accepted and placed on file on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

A communication from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. concerning the proposed manner of raising funds for the improvement of streets in the oil district and expressing their belief in the efficacy of the Engineer's proposition, was read.

Trustee Nash moved that the above communication be held up until the next meeting of the Board when all the Trustees were present. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Taylor, representing the Freeholders League, stated that he understood the Board was going to allow the erection of two-room shacks with community baths and toilets along the border of our restricted district, and wanted to enter a protest against same.

President Gilbert assured Mr. Taylor that the Board was in accord with him and that they were not going to allow anything of this kind.

Mr. E. E. Boyington asked for permission to run a peddling wagon through the oil district--dispensing soft drinks, tobacco, milk, etc.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, permission was granted for such wagon.

The complaint of Mr. Bates as to the condition of the alley at the corner of Arlington and Engracia was referred to the City Engineer.

Mr. Moran's complaint concerning the cutting in of his embankment on Anapola Avenue by the contractors doing paving in that district was heard. The gentleman was assured that all such things would be fixed up before the street was finished.

Mr. Nelson asked permission to run a peddling wagon for soft drinks, milk, ect, through the oil district.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, permission as requested above was granted.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Clerk be allowed to grant peddling licenses for wagons or cars in the unrestricted district so that it would not be necessary to bring such applications before the Board. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of open mufflers inside the City limits and the congestion around the P. E. Shops when the men go off shift was referred to Chief Anderson.

Mr. Winters asked for some definite understanding as to the intention of the Board as to granting the request of Mr. Korman to change the street name of El Prado to Korman Square.

Trustee Proctor moved that the request of Mr. Korman to change the name of El Prado to Korman Square be denied. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

In this connection, President Gilbert stated that the Board had received a great many communications objecting to the changing of street names; that the Board had given this question a great deal of consideration and that they appreciated the work Mr. Korman is doing, and hoped that he would carry out his intentions nevertheless.

The City Engineer reported that the street light at the corner of Andreo and Plaza del Amo was not burning; that the Edison Co. was supposed to attend these matters, but that it was quite a job to come over here just for one light, and suggested that the Company leave materials here for such purposes so that the City might take care of it. The Clerk was instructed to try to arrange with the Company so as to adjust this need.

The necessity of a light on Marcelina between Cravens and Sartori was also mentioned.

Trustee Proctor moved that another post be lighted on Marcelina and the Light committee so instructed. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Trustee Nash reported the cash balance as \$1283.46, and that the semi-annual interest coupons were coming in this month leaving the City rather short of funds, but that, however, the tax money would soon be coming in so the City could get by alright.

Attorney Briney stated that as he understood the present Ordinance Class E buildings could be built in Zone #3 west of Madrid Avenue and west and south of Plaza del Amo--a Class E building being one of almost any kind of construction.

Trustee Proctor differed with the Attorney, contending that such was not the intention of the Board as that would bring in a class of dwellings close to the restricted district that they did not want to allow, and moved that this matter be referred to the Ordinance committee for amendment. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Recorder reported fines for the month of October amounting to \$377.50.

The City Clerk reported Building permits for October as \$172,620.00 of which \$50,000.00 was for oil derricks; the fees on all permits amounting to \$375.75.

The City Engineer stated that the proceedings in the Manuel-Martina and the 222d-Plaza del Amo districts looking toward the paving thereof had been turned down by the bond companies for technical reasons; that the reasons were practically the same in each case, and that proceedings would have to be started again.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 146

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REVOKING AND ANNULING RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 139, ADOPTED BY SAID BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1923, AND ALL PROCEEDINGS SUPPLEMENTARY THERETO, AND TAKEN THEREUNDER

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 146 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 147

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE PAVING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING OF PORTIONS OF MARTINA AVENUE, 218TH STREET, MANUEL AVENUE, AND WATSON AVENUE IN SAID CITY; DECLARING THE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DECLARING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND IMPROVEMENT AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT SAID COSTS AND EXPENSES; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK AND IMPROVEMENT OR TO THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution of Intention No. 147 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 148

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING AWARD OF CONTRACT AND ABANDONING PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 136

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 148 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

SPECIFICATIONS NO. 10
FOR NATIONAL PAVING

Trustee Nash moved that Specifications No. 10 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Trustee Nash moved that the National Pavement Mixture Agreement, dated November 6, 1923, be filed. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that plans for the improvement of 222d Street, Andreo, Gramercy and Cabrillo Avenues and Plaza del Amo be approved as submitted. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 149

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF PORTIONS OF 222D STREET, CABRILLO AVENUE, PLAZA DEL AMO, ANDREO AVENUE AND GRAMERCY AVENUE; DECLARING THE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITTED BY SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT, AND TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT SERIAL BONDS BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO THE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution of Intention No. 149 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion.

President Gilbert asked the City Attorney if it would not be possible to get a bid from the Willite people as well as the National on this work, as he believed the property owners would favor the best pavement for the best price?

Attorney Briney stated that new proceedings would have to be started if the property owners wanted to make another choice.

Mrs. Price said that she certainly did not want Willite in this district.

Mrs. Flood stated that she was interested in this district and was in favor of getting a cheaper price if possible; that they would just as leave have Willite if it was cheaper.

Mr. Blanchard asked if such action would delay the proceedings for any length of time?

President Gilbert stated that unless there were protests enough to warrant delay, they would proceed as fast as possible.

The question was called and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

For the past three years, said Trustee Nash, our City Attorney has been working for the same salary, his duties have increased greatly in that length of time; he has an enormous amount of typing and clerical work to get out and pays for this out of his own pocket; he prepares all the Ordinances and Resolutions and does necessary to get these things through, and I think it no more than fair that his salary be raised, and I move that the salary of the City Attorney be increased to \$150.00 per month--taking effect November 1, 1923. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Clerk be instructed to post notices, as required by the Zoning Ordinance, notifying property owners that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance to re-classify from Residence District Class 1 to Residence District Class 2, the following described property:

Lots 19, to 28 inclu Block 75	Lots 17 to 28 inclu Block 34
" 15 " 22 " " 68	" 7 " 16 " " 20
" 1 " 8 " " 67	" 17 " 26 " " 20
" 15 " 22 " " 67	" 7 " 16 " " 21
" 1 " 8 " " 66	" 17 " 24 " " 21
" 1 " 11 " " 77	" 1 " 12 " " 33
" 7 " 14 " " 84	" 15 " 25 " " 33
" All of Block 76	" 17 " 25 " " 44
" 18 to 23 inclu " 85	" 1 " 9 " " 45
" 14 " 23 " " 19	" 1 " 11 " " 32
" 14 " 25 " " 35	" 5 " 12 " " 22
" 1 " 12 " " 34;	

and to create a new Zone to be known as "1A" wherein shall be

allowed duplex or two-family dwellings, and to re-classify from Zone 1 to Zone 1A, the following property:

Lots 17 to 26 inclu	Block 13	Lots 6 to 26 inclu	Block 12
" 12 " 22 "	" 26 "	" 6 " 26 "	" 28 "
" 8 " 12 "	" 29 "	" 4 " 16 "	" 52 "
" 1 " 6 "	" 27 "	" 1 " 10 "	" 58 "
" 8 " 13 "	" 27 "	" 1 " 8 "	" 51 "
" 10 " 17 "	" 11;		

and to re-classify from Residence District Class 2 to Business District Class 3, the following property:

Lots 13 to 21 inclu	Block 18	Lots 1 to 12 inclu	Block 39
" 6 " 13 "	" 19 "	" 13 " 20 "	" 38 "
" 1 " 11 "	" 35 "	" 12 " 22 "	" 37 "
" 1 " 11 "	" 40 "	" 12 " 22 "	" 36;

and that a hearing will be held before this Board of Trustees in the City Hall Thursday, November 15, 1923, at 7:00 P.M. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

At 9:10 P.M. Trustee Proctor moved to adjourn until November 15, 1923, at 7:00 P.M. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Alfred H. Bantist
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.